

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 212
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Michelle Bullock Marrs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Michelle Bullock Marrs; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Marrs was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marrs served with acumen and alacrity as Chief Executive Officer of the Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center (MWCHC), an ambulatory primary care medical facility targeting the medically underserved; and

WHEREAS, recognizing her unswerving dedication and commitment to community service, Michelle Marrs was honored with the Tau Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Pubic Service Award; and

WHEREAS, a successful entrepreneur, Michelle Marrs received the Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership Living Legend Award in 2003; she also received the 2004 Chief Executive Officer of the Year Salute to Excellence Award for Association of Non-Profit Executives presented by Bank of America; and

WHEREAS, evincing her dedication and commitment to the Nashville health care industry, Ms. Marrs received the Nashville Business Journal Health Care 100 Award in 2002 and 2004; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Marrs served as the Tennessee Primary Care Association Board of Directors President in 2004 and was specially recognized with the Tennessee Primary Care Association Award; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to her virtuous character, Michelle Marrs has received my other honors and accolades including, the 2004 Urban Legend Award, the Ladies of Distinction Incorporation Award, and the YMCA Academy for Women of Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, under her astute leadership, MWCHC almost doubled its operating budget, and she directed construction of a new 40,000 square-foot medical, dental, and diagnostic center; the new center opened in 2004 and serves more than 20,000 medically underserved people who come each year for health and dental care; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marrs was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Marrs leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Marrs epitomized the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of any true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Michelle Bullock Marrs, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Marrs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.